











20. (Original) The hair braider of claim 19, wherein the first and second rotors at least partially intermesh with one another with two of the concentric discs of the first part of one rotor being disposed between the first and second parts of the other rotor.

21. (Original) The hair braider of claim 19, wherein the first and second rotors at least partially intermesh with one another and one concentric disc of the first part that is free of notches of one rotor lies in the same plane as the disc of the second part of the adjacent other rotor.

22. (Original) The hair braider of claim 19, wherein the spacer is formed by a first boss formed as part of the first part and a second boss that is formed as part of the second part, the first and second bosses mating together to securely attach the first and second parts to one another.

23. (Original) The hair braider of claim 19, wherein an uppermost concentric disc is free of notches and is in the form of a solid disc.

24. (Original) The hair braider of claim 1, wherein the first and second rotors are orientated in an opposite manner in the head.

25. (Original) The hair braider of claim 19, wherein the first part of the first rotor faces upright, while the second part of the second rotor faces upright.

26. (Original) The hair braider of claim 1, wherein the first rotor includes three openings in the form of notches formed in an outer edge thereof and the second rotor includes three openings in the form of notches formed in an outer edge thereof.

27. (Original) The hair braider of claim 26, wherein the first and second rotors at least partially overlap with one another so that during operation one notch of one rotor comes into registration with one notch of the other rotor in a center transfer position.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) The hair braider of claim ~~[[28]]~~ 1, wherein the plurality of gears associated with the transfer mechanism include a pair of outer gears and a pair of inner gears, one outer gear being intermeshed with the first rotor and the other outer gear being intermeshed with the second rotor, the inner gears being intermeshed with the outer gears.

30. (Original) The hair braider of claim 29, wherein each of the outer gears includes a first toothed gear body that intermeshes with teeth of the first rotor and a second toothed gear body formed on the top face of the first toothed gear body, the second toothed gear body being intermeshed with teeth of the adjacent inner gear.







position and further operation of the hair braider results in central and right hair bundles swapping positions and then the central and left hair bundles swapping positions.

38. (Currently Amended) A hair braider configured to perform a three-bundle plait or braid comprising:

a body having a handle and a head portion at one end of the handle;

a selectively actuatable drive source disposed within the body;

first and second rotatable rotors that are disposed within the head portion and are accessible through openings formed in the head portion, the first and second rotatable rotors being operatively coupled to the drive source through a plurality of gears such that the first and second rotors rotate in opposite directions when the drive source is actuated, wherein the first and second rotatable rotors are at least partially overlapped and rotate simultaneously;

a plurality of hair retaining members that are received within openings formed in the first and second rotors and act to carry one bundle of hair, the first and second rotors at least partially overlap such that in a transfer location, one opening of one rotor overlaps one opening in the other rotor,

a mechanism for automatically continuously transferring one hair retaining members from one rotor to the other rotor whenever the one hair retaining member is disposed in the transfer location as the rotors rotate simultaneously; and

wherein a first bundle of hair is disposed in a hair retaining member and through one opening in the first rotor; a second bundle of hair is disposed in another hair retaining member and through another opening in the first rotor and a third bundle of hair is disposed in another hair





disposing a first bundle of hair in a hair retaining member and through one opening in the first rotor; a second bundle of hair in another hair retaining member and through another opening in the first rotor and a third bundle of hair in another hair retaining member and through one opening in the second rotor such that in a left-to-right order of the hair bundles there is a left hair bundle, a central hair bundle and a right hair bundle, wherein in the initial position, the first hair bundle is the left hair bundle, the second hair bundle is the central hair bundle and the third hair bundle is the right hair bundle, wherein the central hair bundle is always disposed in the transfer location; and

simultaneously rotating the first and second rotors in opposite directions with the three hair bundles being carried in respective circular orbits such that a number of successive hair bundle swaps are preformed as a result of the rotation of the rotors and action of the mechanism with the swaps being defined by successive swaps of the central hair bundle and one of the left and right hair bundles and then the central hair bundle with the other of the left and right hair bundles, thereby resulting in a three-bundle braid being formed.